

BOARD OF LICENSURE OF FORESTERS
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 24, 2005

BOARD: Board of Licensure of Foresters

DATE: August 24, 2005

ROOM: Central Conference Room

LOCATION: Department of Professional & Financial Regulation

TIME

SCHEDULED: 8:30 A.M.

TIME CALLED

TO ORDER: 8:40 A.M.

ADJOURN: 2:50 P.M.

CHAIR: William Ostrofsky

VICE-CHAIR: Sumner A. Jones, Jr.

BOARD CLERK: Susan Greenlaw

MEMBERS PRESENT: William Ostrofsky, Stephen Holt, Hon. Sumner A. Jones Jr., Carol Redelsheimer, Rene Noel Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Deborah Fales, Board Clerk; Carol Leighton, Administrator; Robert Perkins, Assistant Attorney General

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

A motion was made by Carol Redelsheimer to add the following to the agenda; seconded by Sumner Jones. Unanimous.

- John Gunn – Master Loggers Certification Program

OLD BUSINESS

Action on Minutes of April 27, 2005 Meeting

A motion was made by Stephen Holt to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2005 meeting as presented; seconded by Sumner Jones. Unanimous.

Exam Database/Software Update

Redelsheimer reported that the South Carolina board has invited Louise Murgia, SAF, to their October meeting. A suggestion was made that she be invited to meet with this Board.

John Gunn – Master Logger Certification Program

Mr. Gunn attended as a representative of the Master Logger Certification Program for the purpose of discussing their certification process and how it relates to the practice of forestry.

NEW BUSINESS

Administrator's Report

Members received a copy of the Department's conflict of interest policy.

Complaint Officer's Report

#FOR-040: A motion was made by Sumner Jones to approve the Consent Agreement as presented; seconded by Rene Noel. Holt, Jones, Noel, and Ostrofsky voted in the affirmative; none opposed; Redelsheimer abstained. Motion carried.

#FOR-041: A motion was made by Rene Noel to close without further action at this time; seconded by Sumner Jones. Holt, Jones, Noel, and Ostrofsky voted in the affirmative; none opposed; Redelsheimer abstained. Motion carried.

#FOR-042: A motion was made by Rene Noel to dismiss upon finding no violation of Board statute or rules; seconded by William Ostrofsky. Holt, Jones, Noel, and Ostrofsky voted in the affirmative; none opposed; Redelsheimer abstained. Motion carried.

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#FOR-043: A motion was made by Stephen Holt to table for further investigation; seconded by Rene Noel. Holt, Jones, Noel, and Ostrofsky voted in the affirmative; none opposed; Redelsheimer abstained. Motion carried.

Review and Action on Applications

APPLICANT	TYPE	EDUCATION: METHOD OF QUALIFYING	OTHER INFO.	RECOMMENDATION	BOARD ACTION
Robert L. Collette	Intern Forester – 24 months	BS Forestry – UM	Appl rec'd 7/22/05 Sponsor – John M. Ballew	24 month internship effective 8/24/05	Approved Motion – Noel Second – Ostrofsky Unanimous
Michael A. DeBonis	Forester	Board approved 24 month internship effective 12/17/02. Intern Forester to present date.	Received Forester appl on 04/12/05. References received from three foresters (includes sponsor, Donald Mansius).	Exam	Approved Motion – Noel Second – Jones Unanimous
David DeGruttola	Intern Forester – 24 months	BS Forestry – UM	Appl completed 8/19/05 Sponsor – Robert Bradbury	24 month internship effective 8/24/05	Approved Motion – Ostrofsky Second – Jones Unanimous
Amanda Farrar	Intern Forester - ## months	Method of Qualifying: Degree from non-approved educational program: MS Forestry – UM BS? – UM	Appl completed 8/5/05 Sponsor – Timothy G. Scott	24 month internship effective 8/24/05	Approved Motion – Ostrofsky Second – Noel Affirmative – Holt, Jones, Noel, Ostrofsky Opposed - None Abstained - Redelsheimer
John M. Fogarty	Intern Forester – 24 months	BS Forest Operations Science – UM	Appl completed 7/27/05 Sponsor – Thomas Cushman	24 month internship effective 8/24/05	Approved Motion – Jones Second – Noel Unanimous
Keith G. Kanoti	Intern Forester – 24 months	BS Forestry – UNH	Appl rec'd 7/27/05 Sponsor – Richard J. Dionne	24 month internship effective 8/24/05	Approved Motion – Holt Second – Ostrofsky Redelsheimer opposed. Motion carried.
Eric G.	Intern	BS Forestry –	Appl completed	24 month internship	Approved

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Nosel	Forester – 24 months	UNH	8/5/05 Sponsor – Terri Coolong Prior forester license from 7/3/89 to 12/31/98	effective 8/24/05	Motion – Holt Second – Ostrofsky Unanimous
John R. Pinette	Intern Forester – 24 months	BS Forestry – UM	Appl rec'd 7/15/05 Sponsor – Gerald Poulin	24 month internship effective 8/24/05	Approved Motion – Redelsheimer Second – Noel Unanimous
Hugh D. Violette	Intern Forester – 24 months	BS Forest Operations – UM	Appl rec'd 8/1/05 Sponsor – Timothy G. Scott	24 month internship effective 8/24/05	Approved Motion – Redelsheimer Second – Holt Unanimous

A motion was made by Rene Noel to consider employment as a forester by the Federal Government on either Federal lands or other Federally recognized activities that otherwise meets requirements be considered lawful practice in another jurisdiction (see §5515(5)); seconded by William Ostrofsky. Jones, Noel voted in the affirmative; Holt, Ostrofsky, and Redelsheimer opposed. Motion failed.

December 2004 Audit Issues

LICENSEES NOT RESPONDING TO 2004 AUDIT		
Stephen D. Bumps	Received reply	Approved
Walter A. Haines	Certified letter returned by Postal Service; re-mailed 1 st Class	Motion by Noel to send another letter by certified and first-class mail – failure to respond will result in disciplinary action; seconded by Redelsheimer. Holt, Jones, Noel, Redelsheimer voted in the affirmative; none opposed; Ostrofsky abstained. Motion carried.
George Wiersma	Received reply	Approved
LICENSEES REQUIRED TO SUBMIT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION		
John H. Cashwell III	Received reply	Approved
Carl L. Haag	No response yet; has until 12/31/05	No action needed at this time
Stanley H. Mitchell	Received reply	Approved
Christopher Murdoch	Received reply; intend to submit additional hours by 12/31/05	No action needed at this time
Stanley Perry	Received reply	Motion by Redelsheimer Evaluated credits, allowed some for category I. Approved as submitted, however, still needs to submit 3 hours of category I by 12/31/05. MFS Fire suppression training

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		does not qualify for category I; seconded by Holt. Holt, Noel, Redelsheimer voted in the affirmative; Jones opposed; Ostrofsky abstained. Motion carried.
Alvin B. Smith	Received reply	Approved
Robert W. Wright	Received reply	Approved

Review and Action on Continuing Education

NAME OF PROGRAM	SPONSOR	DATES	HOURS / CATEGORY	BOARD ACTION
Invasive Species Control for the Woodland Owner	Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine (SWOAM)	August 6, 2005	4 Category 1	Approved. Motion – Holt Second – Noel Holt, Jones, Noel, Redelsheimer voted in the affirmative; none opposed; Ostrofsky abstained. Motion carried.
2005 Northern Maine AGRO/FORESTRY Fair	Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine (SWOAM)	July 23, 2005	2 Category 1 for AM 1 Category 1 for PM	Approved. Motion – Redelsheimer Second – Noel Holt, Jones, Noel, Redelsheimer voted in the affirmative; none opposed; Ostrofsky abstained. Motion carried.
2005 Spring Forester Meeting	New England Forestry Consultants, Inc.	April 27, 28, 29, 2005	4/27 – 3 Category 1 4/28 - 1.5 Category 1 4/29 - 0	Approved. Motion – Holt Second – Noel Holt, Jones, Noel, Redelsheimer voted in the affirmative; none opposed; Ostrofsky abstained. Motion carried.
Forest Guild Maine Spring Meeting	Forest Guild Maine	May 20, 2005	3 Category 1	Approved. Motion – Holt Second – Redelsheimer Holt, Jones, Noel, Redelsheimer voted in the affirmative; none opposed; Ostrofsky abstained. Motion carried.
Bottomless Crossing Structures – Designing Land Management Road Crossings that are Passage friendly for Aquatic Species	Natural Resources Conservation Service, Soil & Water Conservation Districts Atlantic Salmon Commission, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Maine Forest	Summer 05 (six workshops)	4 Category 1	Approved. Motion – Redelsheimer Second – Holt Holt, Jones, Noel, Redelsheimer voted in the affirmative; none opposed; Ostrofsky abstained. Motion carried.

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Correspondence

Letter from Jake Metzler – LPF Intern Inquiry: Based on information submitted, nothing is evident that would prohibit him from proceeding with the process.

Next Meeting Scheduled for November 9, 2005

OTHER BUSINESS

October 24, 2005 Exam Proctor/Grader

Proctor: Holt

Grader: Ostrofsky

ADJOURN

Being no further board business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Greenlaw, Board Clerk